



Mansfield Middle School Association
June 6, 2012
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7.04.

Those in attendance:

Allison Altieri, Diane Briody, Kelly Brouse, Jeff Cryan, Lisa Drzewieki, Nancy Gilbertson, Marie Handrinski, Sandy Hill, Sheryl Lambert, Megan Meikle, Jeannette Picard, Ruth Washington

President Diane Briody brought the meeting to order. Members were welcomed to the last meeting for the school year.

Reports

President: - Allison Altieri, Megan Meikle, and Jeannette Picard, officers leaving their posts with the promotion of their eighth graders to high school, were thanked for their service.

-Jeff Cryan's last MMSA meeting and his 20 years of service to our school were recognized. Diane explained that a scholarship fund for international travel will be started in his name. The MMSA will provide seed money for SITE or Student International Travel and Exploration and parents are welcome to contribute as well (by the end of the school year, over \$700 had been collected). A plaque commemorating the scholarship will be displayed in the MMS office foyer

-Diane noted the need for volunteers to provide refreshments for Staff Appreciation Day and to work at Field Day on the 18th. A recommendation was made to establish a Field Day committee. A form will be added to the MMSA website.

-Promotion Night refreshments will be coordinated by Lisa Drzewicki and Nancy Gilbertson

Vice-President: Allison Altieri share her "real pleasure at being part of the (MMSA) group".

Treasurer – Megan Meikle reported a balance of \$9856. Expenses included:

- EOS Scholarship - \$350 to Joel Accorsi
- Eighth grade promotion flowers and decorations
- Eighth grade picnic
- summer reading
- Eighth grade friendship award

Total expenses to date were \$4825

-The proposed budget for 2012-2013 was as follows:

- Income: \$7438 (not including SCRIP gift certificates and sale of water bottles)
- Predicted expenses: \$5400

A motion was made and seconded to raise the grant allotment to \$5000 with a separate allotment of \$1000 for enrichment, with other line items remaining the same. The motion passed unanimously

Secretary: Jeannette Picard reviewed the minutes for our last meeting. The secretary's report was accepted unanimously with minor revision. Jeannette reported that the by-laws will be put on the website and that a committee form for field day will be added. It should be noted that some revisions to the by-laws may necessary to reflect the current organizational needs of the MMSA.

Election of Officers

The following nominations were initially accepted:

- President - Diane Briody
- Vice-President – Nancy Gilbertson
- Treasurer - _____
- Secretary – Sandy Hill

Nancy Gilbertson withdrew her acceptance for the vice-president nomination. She will prepare a binder of fundraising information for the next committee chair and shared ideas for kick-off activities, including a t-shirt sale at the September Open House and a restaurant fundraiser in the fall.

The new nominating slate was as follows:

- President – Diane Briody
- Treasurer – Marie Handinski
- Secretary – Sandy Hill

The slate of officers was accepted unanimously, with the understanding that MMSA members may approve changes if volunteers for all offices are obtained.

Administrative: Jeff Cryan reported on a number of items:

-Jeff shared his thanks for the scholarship in his honor.

-MMSA officers and other school volunteers were honored by the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education on March 13th. A plaque will be displayed in the office hallway.

-Search committees continue. The committee hoped to make a final decision by the end of the week. As of this writing, Thanh Nguyen has begun his work as the new principal for Mansfield Middle School. Many parents have been involved in the committee work. Positions filled to date include:

-Science – Jennie ElShakhs, Annie Perkins

-Family & Consumer Science – Carole Norrish

-Sharon Cline has received a \$1000 for the “Read Live” on-line reading program and Linda Robinson has received \$800 from CAS Flanagan Activities Fund for the Books on Buses program. These activities will promote and support summer reading for Mansfield students.

-End-of-Year Grade Level activities include:

-Grade 5 – Author’s Fair: 6/7

-Grade 7 – Medieval Fair: 6/14

-Grade 8 – Class Night: 6/15, Promotion Ceremony: 6/18., Class Picnic: 6/19

-All grades – School-wide Field Day: 6/18

Faculty Representative: Kelly Brouse reported on a number of activities:

-Kelly shared a thank you from faculty and staff for Staff Appreciation Day.

-National History Day – Many students participated in the national event, including 5 eighth graders and 2 seventh graders.

-Curricular activities include the Pond Stream Investigation for seventh graders and the Ellis Island Simulation for eighth graders.

-SOAR, an online reading program, will be available for students presently in grades 4-7

-The Academic Quiz Bowl team, advised by Doug Perkins, has begun practice with the E.O. Smith team.

Other

No other business was reported.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 12th. Please watch your email at the beginning of the year for an agenda and confirmed meeting date .

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Picard

Secretary (pending approval at our next meeting)